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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a X Utility Design Patent Application under 37 CFR §1.53(b). This application, entitled MASTER NODE SELECTION IN CLUSTERED NODE CONFIGURATIONSis: X an Original
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patent application filed herewith, the inventor(s) of which is/are Govindaraj Sampathkumar.

Enclosed are:

- X An original specification, claims, drawings and abstract:
 17 pages of specification
 7 pages of claims
 6 pages of drawings
 1 page of abstract
- X An Information Disclosure Statement with form PTO-1449 and references
- X A signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- X A signed Assignment of the invention to International Business Machines Corporation and an Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet
- A request for non-publication under 37 CFR 1.213(a)
- X A check in the amount of \$1,128 (\$1,088 filing fee + \$40 recording fee)

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